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1. The Eisen-und Stahlwerk, Riesa, is equipped with the following fur-
 naces and rolling mills:

6 Siemens-Martin furnaces, 120-ton capacity.
 1 rolling mill for medium steel sheets.
 1 rolling mill for thin steel sheets and steel wire.
 1 tube rolling mill.
 1 tube rolling mill for butt welding.

The fine sheet rolling mill has been in operation only since March,
 1950. The tube rolling mill was delivered by the Russians in 1947
 and originated in an Austrian steel plant which had been dismantled.
 The present output capacity of the Riesa plant is 25,000 tons of
 crude steel per month. The actual output in January 1950 was 22,500
 tons.

2. One new steel foundry, consisting of the following furnaces, is due
 to be completed by the end of 1951:

2 Siemens-Martin furnaces, 40-ton capacity.
 1 electric furnace, 5-ton capacity.
 1 electric furnace, 15-ton capacity.
 6 Siemens-Martin furnaces, 60-ton capacity.

This will represent a total additional output of 20,000 tons of
 crude steel per month. The 40-ton Siemens-Martin furnaces and the
 two electric furnaces are due to be put into operation during the
 autumn of 1950.

3. An order for one large cogging mill has been placed [redacted]
 [redacted] delivery is expected at the end of
 1950. A further order for one tube rolling mill, with a capacity
 of 10,000 tons per month has been placed [redacted]

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[redacted] The first section of this mill (for rolling pipes up to 80 mm. in diameter) is due to be erected between July and September, 1950; the second section (for pipe up to 216 mm. in diameter) is due to be ready for assembly at the end of 1951.

4. The most acute shortages are:

- (a) Electric motors. Deliveries from the SAG Sachsenwerk in Niedersiedlitz are very inadequate.
- (b) Welding electrodes.
- (c) Carbon electrodes. Deliveries of electrodes required for the electric furnaces (3 meters in length by 50-60 cm. in diameter), hitherto made by Siemens-Planawerke AG Ratibor, are very intermittent. It is planned to rebuild the Aluminium Werke, Lautz, for the production of carbon electrodes.
- (d) Hard steel rollers.

5. There are 7,500 workers at the Riesa plant. Three shifts are worked in the foundry and rolling shop. The subsidiary plants are worked in two shifts.

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